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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Targets H.O.V. Violators** *- Lanes Designated for Vehicles with Two or More People -*

38% of all traffic complaints emailed to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office this year are about motorists who ignore laws regulating high occupancy vehicle or H.O.V. lanes. In response to these complaints, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office is conducting a patrol operation targeting motorists who violate H.O.V. lane laws.

During recent operations throughout Milwaukee County, patrol deputies issued 50 citations after stopping H.O.V. violators. Deputies focused on several locations including: *I-94 at Ryan Road, US Hwy 45 at Good Hope Road, I-43 at South 84<sup>th</sup> Street and I-94 at West College Avenue.*

High Occupancy Vehicle (H.O.V.) lanes are reserved for carpools or vehicles with two or more people. "We know that violators annoy people who wait in line and obey the law," Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. says. "We are responding to the public's concern."

First time violators face a potential fine of \$164.30 plus a three-point assessment against their driving record. For two or more violations within one year, the fine increases to \$202.10.

We urge you to remind the public about restrictions and penalties associated with H.O.V. lane violations. Milwaukee County patrol deputies monitor H.O.V. lanes on an ongoing basis.

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